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fice by eleven o'clock to prevent its  
being run that day.

Change program tonight. Majestic.

Chaves county people are not ready  
to divide territory with any more  
new counties.

The property owners are now ready,  
and the next move in street im-  
provement will be to improve 'em.

The willow trees may not be good  
weather prophets, but they are brave-  
ly putting out their leaves. The  
peach trees, however have not been  
deceived by spring weather in Janu-  
ary.

The new senator from Colorado  
seems to have made a good start by  
expressing sympathy for President  
Roosevelt and resigning all his official  
connections with corporations and trusts.

Possibly the conditions which have  
caused the great earthquakes of the  
past year may have something to do  
with the unusual weather. The Pecos  
Valley is not the only place where  
January has been like spring.

The article in this issue relating  
to business conditions in the medical  
profession represents the views of  
the Chaves County Medical Association.  
It is published by request after being  
endorsed by vote of the society,  
and would seem to indicate that the  
association has troubles of its own.  
Should any non-union doctor,  
druggist or undertaker feel moved  
to add any information on the sub-  
ject, the Record will not refuse the  
space. The public is entitled to hear  
both sides, if there be two sides.

**CHAMP CLARK FOR  
MINORITY LEADER.**  
Kansas City Times.

As the leader of the minority in  
the lower House of Congress, Mr.  
Champ Clark of Missouri would be  
ideally Democratic. Whether his per-  
sonality and tactics would be as ef-  
fective and valuable from the party  
standpoint as those of the present  
minority leader, John Sharp Williams,  
may be doubted. But there can be no  
question that Democratic individual-  
ity would have free scope under the  
dominance of the Missouri member.

There is a Pike county freshness  
and freedom about Champ Clark that  
not all the wide learning he has ac-  
quired nor all the sophistication of  
Washington could efface. Even in  
evening clothes Champ Clark gives  
the impression of bucolic simplicity.  
In debate he can hammer the breath  
out of an opponent and yet give no  
intimation of overlordship. He is  
companionable intellectually, and one  
could hardly imagine his denial to  
another of the right to hold and freely  
express opinions wholly variant  
from his own.

It is such qualities that make the  
story of his probable selection to  
succeed Mr. Williams so entirely  
plausible. The inestimable privilege  
of being "different" is cherished by  
the Democrats. The concomitant right  
to oppose their own associates is dear  
to the national Democracy. The co-  
hesiveness which has enabled the  
Republican representatives to win  
so many victories for their party may  
be admired by these Democrats for  
its effects; but the power, or even  
the wish, to emulate it is hopelessly  
alien to their makeup. The heritage  
of glory for the Democrats in con-  
gress appears inexorably to be lim-  
ited to glory in defeat.

Of this militant and irreconcilable  
minority the Pike county statesman  
would seem to be the predestined  
chief. Like the little man of the fight  
who explained his humiliating position  
in the mixup by saying that "a  
feller can fight like hell under  
death," Champ Clark is in his ele-  
ment while fighting from the bot-

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tom. Secure of an invincible ma-  
jority at home, it was yet written in  
the stars that he should one day  
lead the undrilled company of con-  
gressional Democrats against the  
solid hosts of the Republican ma-  
jority.

## **THE GREAT SOUTHWEST**

OPEN RANGE PROBLEM BEING  
SOLVED BY FARMING  
THE LAND.

### **THE PECOS VALLEY**

Great, Broad, Open Sheep and Cattle  
Ranges. Being Settled by Farmers  
Who Succeed.— More Coal in New  
Mexico Than in Pennsylvania.

Will C. Barnes, secretary of the  
New Mexico Cattle Sanitary Board,  
cattle grower and business man,  
writes the following letter to the St.  
Louis Daily National Live Stock Re-  
porter, under the title, "The Man  
With the Hoe."

The "Son of a Gun with the Hoe"  
long ago raided the stock ranges of  
the Northwest and has practically  
eliminated the open range proposi-  
tion in the states along the Cana-  
dian border.

Texas, in the last few years, has  
likewise seen a great change take  
place within her borders, the huge pas-  
tures cut up into farms, the great bil-  
low prairies where once ranged mil-  
lions of buffalo and later almost as  
many sheep and cattle have been ruth-  
lessly turned into cotton and cane  
fields, and finally they tackled the  
great "Llano Estacado," or staked  
plains of our boyhood days, those vast  
reaches of grass lands, the waterless  
and treeless part of the great Ameri-  
can desert, and it has been conquer-  
ed, and now today where once men  
starved for water are cities and  
farms. Railroads cross and recross it  
in every direction and the land that  
was thought only fit for stock graz-  
ing purposes is found to be as good  
as the famous prairies of Illinois.

Land that ten years ago was con-  
sidered dear at a dollar an acre can  
be touched today for \$15 or \$20, and  
the end is seemingly not yet.

Prospered in Arizona and New Mexico  
But we who live in New Mexico and  
Arizona made but light of the ap-  
proach of the army of land seekers.  
Texas might be all right, but when

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will be pleased and that  
you will say it is the best.  
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you at night, it will please  
your wife.

**Kipling's  
Candy Store.**

they struck New Mexico, why they'd  
find it was quite a different story.  
Haden't we lived here always? Didn't  
we know what we could and couldn't  
do when it came to farming on New  
Mexico's prairies and deserts? But  
nothing daunted, the land hungry tide  
of immigration reached the New Mex-  
ico line, and to them the land just  
over the line was no whit different  
from that to the east of it. The tide  
swept over and worked its way across  
the border counties. "Fools," we said,  
"they will starve out in a year." That  
was five years ago and they haven't  
starved yet. Quite to the contrary;  
they have prospered and gone ahead  
most tremendously fast.

At Portales, New Mexico, just a few  
miles over the northwestern Texas  
line five years ago a party of us were  
there looking for cattle. Portales then  
had two frame buildings, two or  
three tents and a railroad station.  
It was 300 to 400 feet down to water  
and as far as the eye could reach in  
every direction was one vast open un-  
broken prairie—the primeval stock  
range. Today the town has two week-  
ly papers, two national banks, pleth-  
y of substantial buildings, both pri-  
vate and business, while every acre  
of land about it for miles is under  
cultivation and crops equal to any are  
raised there year after year.

At that time in Portales we met a  
man hauling water in a wagon. He  
was the type of the vanguard of the  
settlers and was dragging along the  
road with four water barrels in his  
wagon. We asked him how far he  
had to haul his water. "Bout four  
miles I reckon," was his reply.

"Why don't you dig a well on your  
claim?" we inquired.

"Wal, podner," he said, the mean-  
time sucking vigorously at a dirty  
corn cob pipe, "It's just a matter of  
distance, for I calkerlate 'tis about  
as far to dig as 'tis to haul. Just about  
as far one way as tother."

Valuable Land in Pecos Valley.

Ten years ago a thin wave of set-  
tlers swept over the Pecos Valley in  
the southeastern corner of the terri-  
tory. They found a great broad open  
cattle and sheep range. They found  
also that you could punch a pipe  
down almost anywhere and get a flow-  
ing well that would spout 10 or 12  
feet high from a 10-inch pipe. They  
found that these sheep and cattle  
ranges would raise almost anything  
you put in the ground. The thin wave  
grew to a mighty flood, and today land  
in the Pecos Valley is held from \$100  
an acre up. As they took up the land  
in these border counties the new com-  
ers swept on into the interior. The  
opening of the Rock Island across the  
territory brought thousands of home-  
seekers into this territory. Every-  
where they went the old-timers laugh-  
ed and predicted failure. Everywhere  
they went they stayed and succeeded.

And this has been going in until  
today there is no use discussing the  
question of whether it will be open  
range or a government lease law for  
the public ranges, because in five  
years more such as the past five have  
been, the open range will have ceased  
to exist—will have become as extinct  
as the buffalo. Already the stockman  
along the eastern portion of New  
Mexico have read the handwriting on  
the wall. They see their fairs and  
have been steadily reducing their  
holdings.

With the first great wave of set-  
tlers in western Texas came an influx  
into New Mexico's ranges of Texas  
cattlemen driven out by the farmers.  
Here they surely thought they would  
be safe from the granger. But alas,  
they are on the move again and this  
time it is on the trains in stock cars  
bound for the packing houses.

Western New Mexico, which is all  
that part of this great territory west  
of the Rio Grande, is so far from  
any very great number of settlers, but  
is, however, stocking up just about  
as heavily as it can safely be. The  
western half, however, is so rough  
and uninviting from a farmer stand-  
point that it is hard, even in the light  
of recent developments to believe it  
will ever fall under the influence of  
the breaking plow. Yet who can tell  
what these land hungry men from  
the East will do?

The Estancia Valley.

Five years ago the great Estancia  
valley in central New Mexico was  
one vast unbroken, sheep range.  
There was no surface water, no  
springs, no creeks and not a dozen  
people living on its entire extent.  
Then some wild easterners came  
along and built a railroad through it.  
"Idiot," we all cried, "what on earth  
can a railroad get to haul out of the  
country?" "What," we cried, "Farm  
the Estancia plains? What a joke  
that would be. Why one good hungry  
cow would eat all they could raise  
there in the whole valley."

Today, thanks to the immigration  
agent, every acre of the valley for  
sixty miles or more is taken up by  
eastern farmers, who have raised for  
three years past as good crops of  
corn, kafir and sorghum as can be  
raised anywhere. And the stockmen?  
Why they are hardly out of the daz-

ed condition that they fell into when  
things began to happen.

But meantime New Mexico is prosper-  
ing. Such settlers as we have  
been receiving are a welcome addition  
to any commonwealth. They all bring  
money with them with which to pur-  
chase tools, lumber and make im-  
provements. There is little of the  
pioneering in their settling up of the  
country. None of the suffering that  
the early settlers in western Kansas  
underwent. New towns are springing  
up like magic where a few years ago  
were only wastes of sheep and cattle  
ranges. And one must be wide awake  
indeed to keep track of them, so fast  
are they being brought into being.  
New railroads are building to accom-  
modate these changed conditions  
and others are planned to still further  
settle up the country. In the end  
New Mexico will have more sheep  
and cattle than ever before.

Millions of Cattle and Sheep.

True, the great herds, which have  
for centuries ranged over these  
plains will have gone, but in their  
places will be hundreds and thou-  
sands of settlers each with his little  
bunch of live stock, which in the ag-  
gregate will equal, if not exceed, the  
great herds they have displaced.  
New Mexico has today, in round num-  
bers, 5,000,000 sheep and 1,000,000 cat-  
tle. She probably shipped out in the  
year 1906 a million and half sheep  
and 200,000 cattle. Our stock general-  
ly has been graded up very steadily  
in late years. Six or eight years ago  
the average shearing of a New Mexi-  
co sheep was three pounds. Today  
it is about six pounds, and the staple  
is better, and the sheep that wear it  
much heavier.

Five or six years ago a New Mexi-  
co bunch of lambs that averaged 40  
pounds were considered top notchers.  
Last year thousands were sold under  
contract to weigh sixty-eight or sev-  
enty pounds at loading.

In cattle the improvement has been  
as great and the long-horned Mexi-  
can stag has given way to the trim  
built, well-grown Hereford or Short-  
horn.

More Coal Than Pennsylvania.

As for coal, New Mexico has more  
coal than the state of Pennsylvania.  
All the northern portion of the terri-  
tory is one vast coal deposit. There  
are lots of mines opened already and  
the number would be doubled if the  
men to work them could be found.

Irrigation Work.

In the line of government irrigation  
works, the government has just begun  
on the largest one yet planned under  
the irrigation law. It is the great El-  
ephant Butte dam in the Rio Grande  
valley, which, when finished will be  
the largest in the world by many feet  
and will bring under cultivation hun-  
dreds of thousands of acres of the  
most fertile land in the world, the  
great Rio Grande valley above El Pa-  
so for a hundred miles, a valley that  
has been farmed for 300 years and  
for fertility and extent has been called  
the "Nile of America."

The Open Range is Gone.

And so, practically, has passed out  
of existence the "open range" in the  
Southwest. There will be little need  
of government control of the open  
ranges from now on. The farmer and  
small stock raiser will take care of  
the question. There will be double the  
number of live stock on the same  
ranges, and they will be a better  
class and better cared for. The man  
with ten thousand head will pass out  
of the game and in his place will  
come ten men with a thousand head  
each who will provide feed for ev-  
ery animal they own during the win-  
ter months, and no more will the re-  
ports come of heavy losses on the  
open range for want of feed. The  
change will be for the best from ev-  
ery point of view and the southwest  
will continue to be in the future, as  
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